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RAJYA SABHA

Programme to link villages to National/State Highways

3587. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government announced a Rs. 60,000/- crore rural roads programme on Prime Minister's Birthday, to connect all the villages with link roads to National or State Highways;

(b) if so, in what phases and over what period it is proposed to be implemented; and

(c) how the costs would be shared?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (c) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) has been launched on 25th December 2000, with a view to providing road connectivity, through good All-weather roads, to all unconnected Habitations with a population of more than 1000 persons by the year 2003 and those with a population of more than 500 persons by the year 2007, keeping in view the availability of resources.

The PMGSY is a fully Centrally-funded Programme under which project proposals are to be forwarded by the States/Union Territories, upon the clearance of which funds are released by the Government of India.

Non-release of State share funds under DRDA by Assam

3588. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of not releasing the State share funds under different programmes of DRDA by the State Government of Assam to DRDA in the entire Districts of the State; and

(b) if so, whether Government have issued directions-instructions to the State Government to release the State share funds to the various districts of Assam under different DRDA schemes?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government are aware

that the State's share of funds under different programmes of DRDA are not released by the State Government of Assam to the DRDA in the entire districts of the States.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India have issued instructions to the State Government for releasing the State's share of funds to the various Districts of Assam under different DRDA schemes.

No electricity and roads in Swaraa Jayanti Goan, Dhhasi

† 3589. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Swarna Jayanti Goan' Dtwasi, Patti-talla Dhangu, Pauri Garhwal (Uttaranchal) falling under the 'Vikas Khand-Yamkeshwar' has not been provided with electricity and roads facilities so far;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Public Works Department Lansidown had sent a concrete plan with regard to connecting "Swaraa Jayanti Goan" Dhhasi with main road a year ago;

(c) if so, the details thereof including action initiated in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Government of Uttaranchal have reported that the said village has not yet been electrified because it is located far from the nearest Electricity line, inside dense forest. The preliminary estimate for providing road connectivity to the village at an estimated cost of Rs. 85 lakhs has been prepared.

Misutilisation of JRY funds by Gram Pradhan

3590. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated under JRY are being misused by

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